Richard Haass, Director, Policy Planning Staff in Bush Administration promised that the U.S. would press Pakistan for an end to cross-border terrorism; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes.

(b) Pakistan's support to cross-border terrorism against India continues. Government believes that the international community, including the United States, must consider appropriate additional steps to ensure the fulfilment of the commitment that it has received from President Musharraf on ending cross-border terrorism against India.

Cooperation between India and South Korea in the defence sector

275. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and South Korea have agreed to intensify contacts in the defence sector;

(b) if so, whether both the countries have also agreed to initiate consultations on combating international terrorism in multilateral fora;

(c) whether any agreement between the two countries has been signed during his recent visit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) India and the Republic of Korea have agreed to enhance defence exchanges.

(b) Co-operation in the fight against terrorism is included in the Annual Foreign Office Consultations. The Republic of Korea supports India's proposal for a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.